



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website

www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

TITLE: Electronic Import Inspection

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0583-0159

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U. S.C. 601 et. seq.), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, et. seq.), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, and properly labeled and packaged.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: FSIS requires foreign governments to submit additional information when submitting both the foreign establishment certificate and the foreign inspection certificate to FSIS for foreign establishments to be permitted to import product to the United States. The information that is required with the Foreign Establishment Certificate includes: the type of operation(s) conducted at the establishment (e.g., slaughter, processing, storage, exporting warehouse); the establishment's eligibility status (e.g., new or relisted (if previously delisted)); and, slaughter and processing establishment certifications that address the species and type of product(s) produced at the establishment and the process category.

Additional information that is required with the Foreign Inspection Certificate includes: the species used to produce the product and the source country and foreign establishment number; whether the source materials originate from a country other than the exporting country; the product's description, including the process category, the product category, and the product group; the address of the consignor; the address of the consignee; the name and address of the exporter; the name and address of the importer; and, any additional information the Administrator requests to determine whether the product is eligible to be imported into the U.S.

To conduct the information collections less frequently would inhibit the ability of FSIS to ensure that imported product is safe, wholesome, and not adulterated.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for-profit

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 939

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Annually

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 49,385

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